

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 09/403,625

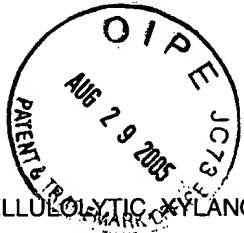
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Filed: February 7, 2000

Examiner: Fronda

Date: August 29, 2005

Title: INHIBITORS OF CELLULOXYLANOLYTIC AND BETA-GLUCANOLYTIC
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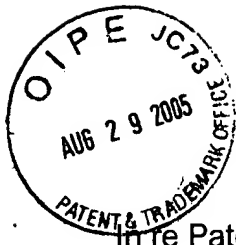
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REPLY BRIEF

The Appellant submits the present Reply Brief, pursuant to 37 CFR § 41.41, in response to the Examiner's Answer dated June 29, 2005.

Applicable procedure – the claims do not stand or fall together

On page 2 of the Examiner's Answer mailed June 29, 2005, the Examiner states that

"claims 48-50, 52-56 and 65-68 stand or fall together because appellant's brief does not include a statement that this grouping of claims does not stand or fall together and reasons in support thereof. See 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7)."

The Board will appreciate however that as the Notice of Appeal filed February 10, 2005 and the Appeal Brief filed April 8, 2005, were filed after the September 13, 2004

effective date of Rules of Practice Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences published in the Federal Register (69 FR 49960, August 12, 2004), the Appeal Brief is believed to have been properly filed pursuant to 37 CFR § 41.37, which does not require a statement that claims do not stand or fall together to argue separate patentability. In fact, the Examiner acknowledges the appellants' arguments pursuant to 37 CFR § 41.67(vii), ¶2, 2nd sentence, on pages 5-6 of the Examiner's Answer dated June 29, 2005.

Claims 48-50, 52-56 and 65-68 do not stand or fall together for lack of a statement required by the previous and inapplicable Rule 1.92(c)(7) (i.e., 37 CFR § 1.92(c)(7)). Clarification of the record in this regard is requested for the convenience of the Board.

Conclusion

For the reasons provided in the entire record, including the appellants' Appeal Brief filed April 8, 2005, reversal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph "written description", rejection of claims 48-50, 52-56 and 65-68 is requested.

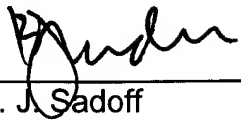
The application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and Reversal of the Final Rejection is requested.

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